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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Jensen Sass Yale University

Re: Freedom of Information Request EPA-HQ-2014-001477 and 2014-1477/Final Response

Dear Mr. Sass:

Thank you for your inquiries to the Freedom of Information Office in the Office of Pesticide Programs for any communication between chemical and biotechnology trade associations and the EPA concerning the frameworks (in their various iterations) for the regulation of agricultural biotechnology.

Your request is extremely broad in nature. There are several hundred registered pesticide products that could be responsive to this request. The files typically contain several hundred pages of records. These records have to be reviewed for information exempt from release under the FOIA.

We have released tens of thousands of pages of registration files for previous FOIA requests related to this subject area which are publically available through www.regulations.gov. and www.foiaonline.regulations.gov. I have included a lists of active products registered by Dow, Snygenta (formerly Ciba Giegy), BASF and Bayer. Please go to the "View Records" link in the email. You can search the two resources above to see if we have released records on the products you are interested in. To search the public docket files in www.regulations.gov, please enter the docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1024 and you can then search by specific company or product. To search in FOIAOnline, you can search by entering product number in the search bar.

As constructed, the time to process these requests as are will greatly exceed the 20 day time frame. We will keep you informed of our progress to process your requests. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to narrow the scope of your request.

If you have any questions please contact me on 703-305-5456 (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) or email me at ingram.earl@epa.gov. Refer to the request number when contacting me.

Sincerely,

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